UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Katharine S. Hayden, U.S.D.J.

v. : Crim. No. 06-798 (KSH)

MICHAEL BAKHTIAR : <u>CONTINUANCE ORDER</u>

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Ronald D. Wigler, Assistant U.S. Attorney), and defendant Michael Bakhtiar (by Michael V. Gilberti, Esq.) for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and as the defendant has consented to such a continuance; and it appearing that the defendant waives such right; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

1. Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to finalize a plea agreement, which would render trial of this matter unnecessary;

3. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, on this _____ day of September, 2008,

ORDERED that the proceedings in the above captioned matter are continued for a period of sixty (60) days, from September 17, 2008 through November 15, 2008; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period from September 17, 2008, through November 15, 2008 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8).

HON. KATHARINE S. HAYDEN United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to by:

Michael V. Gilberti, Esq.

Counsel for Defendant Michael Bakhtiar

Ronald D. Wigler

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